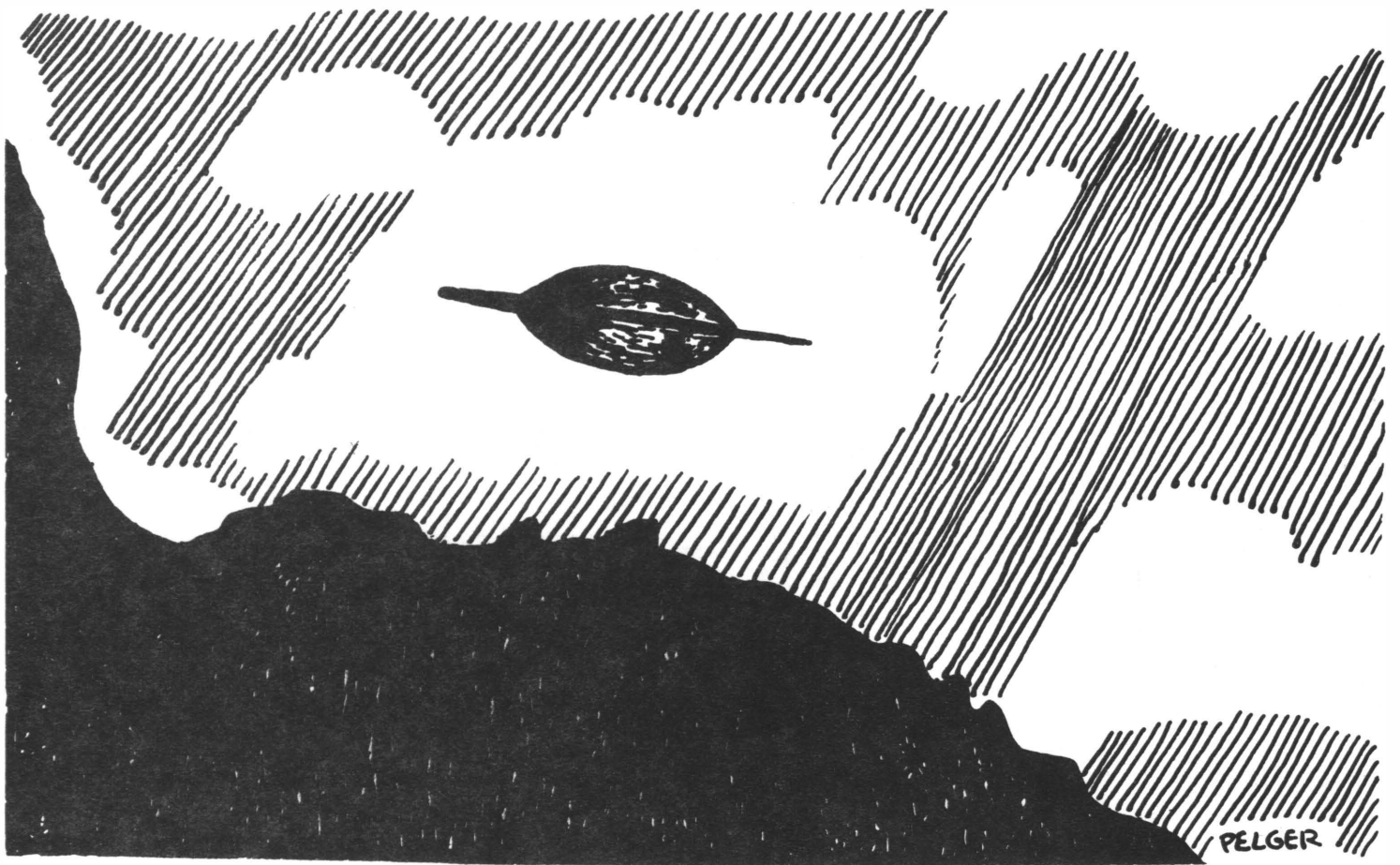


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IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret and sorrow that we announce the untimely death of Donna M. Manak, wife of UAPA's Chairman Allan J. Manak. We are all deeply affected by this sudden loss of a very fine person and good friend.

Donna was not a UFOlogist per se but she was very supportive of the UAPA and Allan's work as Chairman. She was always available to help us at Convention and meeting time, and we will miss that help.

She was known by many of the UFOlogists from around the country, and I'm sure they will share with us in this time of grief and loss. Their thoughts and prayers, like ours, go out to Allan.

We therefore dedicate this issue of the FLYING SAUCER DIGEST to the memory of Donna M. Manak.

Robert S. Easley

Rick R. Hilberg

FROM THE EDITOR

PHENOMENA, NOTES AND COMMENTARY:

As announced in our last issue, beginning on 1 October 1989 our new subscription rates will be 4 issues for \$7.00 or 8 issues for \$13.00. This increase is to offset recent price increases for printing and postage that we have had to absorb.

Rather than make a profit, the increase will allow us to add four more pages to each issue of FSD. Beginning with the Winter Issue - #108 - FSD will be 14 pages rather than 10 pages. We will also run more illustrations and photos in each issue. What you the readers will get is a bigger and better publication four times a year. We think you will like our planned changes.

ABOUT THIS COVER:

On 16 January 1958 nearly 100 crew members of the Brazilian Navy Ship "Almirante Saldanha" witnessed the observation of a strange "saturn-shaped" UFO which appeared over the sea. The object reflected light and emitted a greenish vapor.

Almira Barauna, a professional photographer, took two shots of the object before it disappeared behind one of the Trindade Isle peaks.

The UFO appeared again shortly, and Barauna got off three more shots. The last two photos, however, were lost due to the excitement of the crew as they accidentally were pushing for a better view. Suddenly, the UFO stopped in mid-air and another photo was snapped. The object then suddenly sped away and vanished in the distance.

The photos are considered among the best ever taken of an Unidentified Flying Object, and the sighting itself has never been explained. It is a classic incident.



ABOUT NEXT ISSUE:

The cover of our next issue is on the preceding page. It will be a very special issue as it will contain 14 pages of the latest information on the UFO enigma. If your subscription is up with this issue we hope you will renew and remain one of our important subscribers.

OUR SISTER PUBLICATION:

Weirdology (bottom illustration, page 2) is our bi-monthly Fortean publication which covers many different mysterious subjects. Rick R. Hilberg has been doing an outstanding job as Editor in finding weird and strange phenomena to discuss. Subscription rates are only \$4.50 for six issues. Send check or money order to WEIRDODOLOGY, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio, 44134.

UAPA'S UFO CATALOG NUMBER 2:

We are pleased to announce that our new catalog is now available. This 10 page catalog, full of illustrations, lists all the material we have for sale at rock bottom prices. Just in time for your Christmas shopping, the catalog contains books, maps, back issues, rare items, etc. that we have published over the years. At \$1.00 each, this catalog is a must. At \$1.00 each, the catalog itself is a bargain full of bargains. To get your fully illustrated catalog simply send one dollar to UAPA, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio, 44134-7032. Your order will be processed immediately. (From The Editor By Robert S. Easley)



Readers Say

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The READERS SAY column will be handled by UAPA Chairman Allan J. Manak, although I may throw in a few comments from time to time. Our policy will be to print portions of letters that are interesting, whether they agree with us or not. It is also our policy to NOT print your address, only your name and city will be printed. If we use any part of your letter we will add one free issue to your subscription. Thanks to all who have written in thus far and keep those letters and cards coming in. We really do enjoy hearing from you. - RSE)

"Could anyone at UAPA tell me whatever happened to the "UFO JOURNAL"?"

J. C. Dotson
San Francisco, California

AJM: When we switched our name back to "FLYING SAUCER DIGEST" we simply absorbed the "UFO JOURNAL" and added the next number in order to gain a proper

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sequence for publication purposes. All issues of the "UFO JOURNAL" that are still available will again be in our new UAPA CATALOG. The CATALOG, I might add, will be available in October of this year. All subscribers to FSD can reserve a CATALOG by sending \$1.00 to cover the cost of printing and postage.

"I really liked your last issue, and especially the "Readers Say" column."
A. L. Appling
Chicago, Illinois

AJM: Thank you, Mrs. Appling. We had many requests for the return of "Readers Say". This is another good reason to expand FSD to a larger magazine.

"I only recently ordered a copy of WEIRDOLOGY #12, your sister publication. It was very interesting and I think you should mention it more in FSD."
M. Lundrum
Jackson, Tennessee

AJM: Thank you, Mr. Lundrum, for the kind comments. The Editor takes full responsibility for this and tries with the limited space to do this. The back issues of WEIRDOLOGY that are available will be listed in our CATALOG.

"Some time ago I seem to remember that your organization had regular UFOCOM Reports on UAPA's findings. What happened to them?"
B. Goldberg
New York, New York

AJM: Yes, we did, Mr. Goldberg. Now, with the upcoming new size for FSD we will be putting something together for the Winter issue.

"I recently went to a flea market and I came across a used book and magazine table and found an old FLYING SAUCER DIGEST issue number 7, Fall 1968. I really enjoyed the issue, especially the art by Ron Pelger. Could you reprint the cover at a future time?"

B. Holt
Detroit, Michigan

AJM: Well Mr. Holt, that sure is an interesting story on our magazine. We have in the past been told of similar stories of people finding FSD somewhere. As far as reprinting covers, we have taken your suggestion to heart and will use the #7 cover as the cover of our next issue. In the future we plan to reprint more of the old covers. Thanks for your excellent suggestion.

FOREMOST SIGHTING THIS ISSUE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Rick R. Hilberg has chosen the following sighting as the Foremost Sighting for this issue. We hope you enjoy it. - RSE)

Jay Cox of the Gannett News Service recently ran a piece about a UFO being seen in astronomer Carl Sagan's "backyard" of Ithica, New York. And while it's not as spectacular as some we've recently run, the anti-UFO Sagan connection makes it a natural for UAPA's "Sighting Of The Quarter."

Cox reported that dozens of Ithica citizens had a UFO experience between 9:00 and 10:00 PM on May 20th.

"I ruled out airplanes and helicopters. The only thing it could've been was a blimp. Or something else," said John Orak, who was en route to dinner with his wife, Stephanie.

Although the night of the reports was rather nastly, cloudy with scatter-

ed periods of rain, police agencies in the area received many phone calls. Seventy-five callers reported a large, low-flying object or objects - some speculated they might be eight aircraft - flying in formation.

But authorities at Tompkins County Airport had no notification from any such aircraft, and their checks with military sources revealed no activity from that sector that could have caused the reports.

Several people who saw the objects compared them to blimps rather than ordinary aircraft. They also commonly described other characteristics: five to eight white lights and an oval or oblong shape.

One person described an object shaped like a shield. Some saw red and green lights. Some reported no sound in association with their sightings. Some told of a slight humming noise.

One person viewed it on Thurston Avenue bridge, near Sagan's home.

Needless to say, Carl Sagan had no comment about the reports.

MANAK'S NOTEBOOK

THE BONNIE BEREA CASE

PART 2

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Part 1 of this interesting story was printed in the Summer Issue, #106, of FSD. - RSE)

Stage #4

Mr. Pelzer and myself meet witness at approximately 10:10 p.m. that evening (June 26, 1967) at her place of employment. The witness was just getting off duty. We were invited over to a table where we proceeded to question the witness.

The following is what we have learned, remembering at all times to gain the confidence of the witness.

1. The pictures were taken on or about the 4th or 5th of May 1967.
2. The time was approximately 3:25 a.m. on same.
3. There was another witness involved (her father).
4. Witness, father, saw object in North Ridgeville Township.
5. Witness, father, drove to Berea to meet daughter (witness).
6. When witness was on 2nd floor of an apartment in Berea object was photographed.

About The Object

1. Object was very bright.
2. Color was of bright red and orange (like the color of a sun at sunset).
3. Object hovered outside apartment window.
 - (a) First picture taken through window.
 - (b) Second picture taken through open window as object was hovering.
4. While object was hovering it seemed to be wobbling on its axis.
5. Center section around object was definitely spinning.

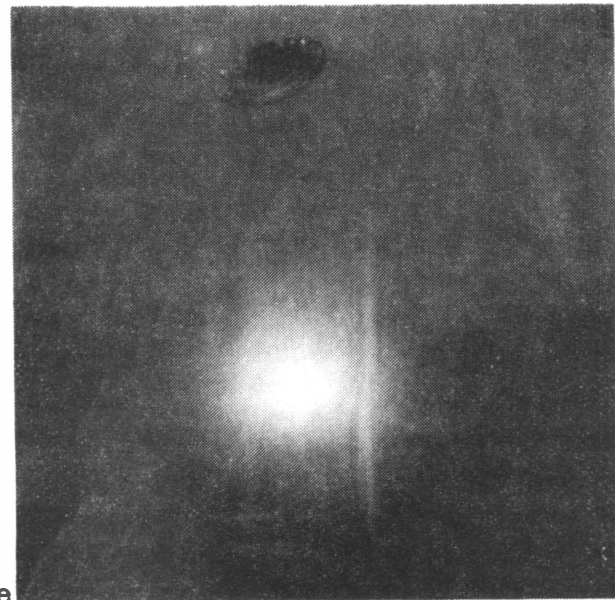
AUTHOR'S NOTE: Witness referred to the center section as a "platform."

6. Object had lights on the "platform" all around that were very bright.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: These lights show up very clearly on photographs.

7. Top of object was rounded (like the roundness of an egg).

8. Bottom of object was also rounded (but more like the roundness of a toy top.)



AUTHOR'S NOTE: This type of roundness can clearly be seen on the photographs.

9. Witness stated object was visible outside apartment for approximately 3 to 5 minutes. She also stated she could not be sure for she really isn't a good judge of time under these circumstances.

Her Personal Feeling About the Object

1. When witness first saw object through window she was shaken to the point of not turning away. She could not take her eyes off the object.
2. It seemed to captivate her.
3. She claimed her body became rigid.
4. Thought object was coming down (landing).
5. Figures object to be the length of a car and about 3 to 4 feet thick.
6. Object thought to be very close.

Evaluation of Testimony

At this point or stage of the case I would say:

1. Witness appeared calm, but very excited.
2. She was telling the truth.
3. She had no prior knowledge of UFOs.
4. She could not give exact date.
5. She had always laughed at people who claimed to have seen UFOs.
6. Used a 304 insta-matic camera.
7. Wanted to talk to someone with knowledge of UFOs.

Summation

1. Witness turned over negative to me for further study.
 2. Witness agreed to loan us the pictures so we could make color slides for evaluation only if negatives were returned. The agreement was set for two or three days.
 3. Witness also agreed to let us question her father (which will be set at a future date).
 4. Witness also agreed to let us go to her apartment, in the future, and take photographs of same area. At this time we could also take measurements of the trees and parking area for distances in relationship to object.
 5. Mr. Pelger and witness worked out a sketch of the object as seen from side view.
 6. Witness gave first name (Bonnie) and telephone number only.
- All summation here is after the first four (4) stages only.

Stage #5

I tried to contact the witness to return the negatives and blow-ups, black and white prints. Date was June 28, 1967, time 7:06 and 7:52. No answer.

On June 29, 1967, I made 3 telephone calls to witness's home. On all three occasions there was no answer.

On June 30, 1967, the first call to the witness's home, at 2:47 p.m., proved good.

At this time I told the witness that I was trying to contact her for 3 days. She replied that she was not home. She also said that she had bad news for me. The pictures were in her handbag and she believes they were stolen. She carried the pictures in her handbag just in case we would show up at her place of employment.

Before I could ask her anymore details, she told me to take the original negatives that I had in my possession and use them to get more pictures.

With this, I thanked her and told her she would hear from me in 3 to 4 days.

I then turned the negatives over to Mr. Brill at his home on July 2, 1967. At this time he stated that it would take from 5 to 7 days to receive the pictures.

Final Stage of the Bonnie Borea Case

At approximately Stage #6, Ron Pelger stated the object in the picture reminded him of a picture he had seen somewhere. Suddenly Ron walked to the file drawers and pulled out a Post Magazine of December 17, 1966; there was the object that was duplicated in the photo, identical markings and all. The object was a paste-up on a window and photographed.

Need it be said that this was another attempt to hoodwink dedicated people belonging to UFO groups.

Thank goodness the people connected with the UAPA are conscientious, dedicated investigators and are not hurried into stating whether a UFO sighting is valid or a hoax until a qualified investigation is made.

Therefore, it is only fair that we write off the Bonnie Borea Case as an earnest endeavor to perpetrate a hoax - which did not work. So, the case is closed, period.

(Author's Note - This case, in a more elaborate manner, was submitted to the NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE in 1967, in accordance with a Conference decree of 1966, for the purpose of showing what UFO organizations did to better the UFO scene the previous year. - AJM.)

NEWS UPDATE

A film version of the book Communion starring Christopher Walken and Lindsay Crouse as Whitley and Anne Strieber is scheduled to be released in 80 U.S. cities on 20 October 1989. Hopefully the movie will be better than the book was.

UFO RETROSPECTIVE

Winged "Vs" Reported Over Idaho By Pilot (1949)

The Salt Lake City Tribune reported that on July 24th, seven V-shaped objects that appeared to be about the size as fighter planes, were sighted by a pilot over the Mountain Home desert. The objects reportedly were no more than 1500 to 2000 feet away from his civilian aircraft.

The pilot told the Idaho Statesman, Boise, that as far as he could determine the objects were not United States aircraft.

He notified the Civil Aeronautics Administration of his sighting as well as the 190th Fighter Squadron of the Idaho National Guard, who in turn reported the encounter to McChord Field, Washington.

The Statesman quoted the pilot as saying he was "frightened and shaken" by the experience. He said the objects, in tight formation, but not the type of formation used by military aircraft, were flying "at tremendous speed."

The pilot, the Statesman said, had wide experience in aviation. He trained pilots during World War II and was the operator of an airport in the Boise Valley. He made his information available only on the condition that his name would not be released, the paper reported.

The pilot described the objects as being in the shape of a V, with a solid, circular body under the nose of the V.

There was no evidence of any means of propulsion, he said - no propeller and no exhaust trails indicating jet or rocket power. There were no markings or evidence of insignias on the objects. The color, he said, was a shade he "couldn't describe and hadn't seen before."

The pilot estimated that he had the objects under observation for approximately two minutes.

The pilot said that he was about ten miles west of Mountain Home flying toward Boise at about 10,000 feet altitude. He said the objects were flying at about 9000 or 9500 feet.

He described the formation as in two lines of three each with the seventh object either in the center, between the two lines, or above them.

"Saucer" Over Salinas, California (1950)

More than twenty persons reported seeing a saucer-shaped object in the Salinas area on March 11th. The various reports had the saucer diving on an automobile, looping the loop, and or speeding across the horizon at a low altitude.

The Sheriff's Office reported a "lot of calls" shortly after 8:00 p.m. (PST) by people claiming to have seen the mysterious object. Simultaneously, a number of calls were received by the local newspaper.

The Sheriff's Office said the first call came from Mrs. Sam Raguindin of nearby Chualar, who said the saucer "swooped down" over her automobile as she and her mother and two children were driving south of Salinas.

She said she at first thought the object was a shooting star but changed her mind when it swooped down toward the car.

"It looked like two dinner plates placed together," she said. "It came down to about 2,000 feet and as it came close it gave off a strong bluish-white light that hurt our eyes like a welder's torch."

She said it seemed to "loop the loop" and then sped away in a southerly direction at a high rate of speed.

"I'm still scared," Mrs. Raguindin said. "I hope I never see anything like that again."

The saucer was next reported by Hiram Don, a Chinese market owner, who said he saw it in the sky as he left his market to take some groceries to his automobile. He said it appeared bright in front and had a long fiery tail. It was traveling quite close to the ground, he said.

Most of the other reports were similar to the above two. (UFO RETROSPECTIVE Written by Rick R. Hilberg.)

AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD

Multiple-Witness Report From Illinois:

Weird flashing objects in the sky were reported on January 31st. by several persons near the town of Rushville.

"It was some kind of UFO," said Joanne Piluski of Rushville. "I've always been kind of skeptical, but I'm a firm believer now - there's something out there."

Piluski said she was traveling in her car at approximately 6:45 p.m. on Route 67 between Beardstown and Rushville when she spotted a strange aerial object.

"It looked like a big basketball - orangey-colored - and was real bright and big," she told the Journal Courier of Jacksonville, Illinois.

"It was a real bright light, too bright to be a star and too large to be an airplane, and it looked awfully close."

She said it appeared larger than two airplanes that were flying nearby. She said it was also moving too fast to be an airplane, and would stop, suspended in the air, then was "zooming" back and forth in the sky "shooting out fireballs."

Piluski said she saw about six or seven such fireballs that would shoot off for "a second or two" and then disappear.

She reported that her 13-year-old daughter who was accompanying her in the car saw it, too.

She said, when they arrived at their destination, her older daughter and others at the house saw the object also. She also said she had heard of other people in the Rushville area who saw the same thing.

Piluski said that the entire sighting lasted about 10 minutes, seemingly long enough to rule out the possibility that a meteor may have been responsible for the incident.

The Schuyler County Sheriff's Department received one call of a reported UFO. According to Dispatcher Andy Clayton, a woman reported that while traveling south on Route 67 north of Rushville, she saw what appeared to be a star-shaped object that was shooting out numerous objects like balls of fire. She said that the large object followed her for three miles for about five to ten minutes.

A spokesman at the Illinois State Police Department in MaComb said they had received two calls from people who said they saw lights in the sky, and one saw flares dropping out of the object. One caller, who was from Bushnell, said the object looked like it was located some distance southeast of Bushnell.

Girl Reports UFO To State Police In Oregon:

Angela Legett, age 12, from the city of Haines, reported to the State Police seeing a "huge" object, saucer-shaped with red and green flashing lights. The hovering UFO was seen on March 9th.

The object was reportedly less than a quarter-mile from the girl. She watched it for two to three minutes before going to get her parents to see it, but it had disappeared before she and her parents could return.

In relation to its size, Angela stated that she thought it was larger than a football field.

The following morning, her grandmother, Mrs. Dorris Legget, reported that at approximately 6:00 a.m. she observed a flash of bright light. She was in her bedroom at the time, with the blinds down, and thought at first that it was the headlights from a car.

The light was seen in the same direction as the UFO that was originally seen by Angela, the Police report said.

Flaming Object Reported Over South Dakota:

Something that looked like a ball of fire trailing sparks on the evening of April 4th brought out rescue parties searching for a downed aircraft. No plane was found, and the report has gone into the books as a UFO.

A mayday reported on a radio scanner at Bison raised the possibility of the object being a burning plane. That explanation has been pretty well ruled out because of the wide area separating the sightings and the time elapsed between sightings. A meteor has been advanced as a theory but that seems to be unlikely because the sightings did not follow a straight path. If all the sighting reports were accurate the meteor would have to have been zig-zagging across a wide territory.

The UFO was reported near Kimball. Several people at Mobridge reported sightings to Police. Marne Bickel, a resident of Trail City, said she saw a round ball of fire trailing sparks and thought it was headed toward Mobridge. Larry Gill, near Trail City, said he saw a ball of fire go by his living room at about 8:15 p.m. He said the ball was very bright and appeared to be heading northwest toward Little Eagle.

Some women going from McLaughlin to Mobridge on Highway 12 to go bowling saw the flaming object. Mrs. Janet Rau said it flashed in the sky something like lightning. Richard Glines and his wife were traveling east on Highway 12 east of McIntosh, and Mr. Glines said he saw something that looked like a burning round ball of fire trailing flames streaking across the sky. His wife was sleeping and he woke her up but the object had moved behind a cloud.

The object was sighted northeast of McLaughlin by Marvin Pleinis. He said he saw an orange and yellow round object crossing the sky and that it appeared to go down east of the Oahe Reservoir near Pollock.

Ruben Speidel was in Sioux Falls but said his neighbors told him the object went over his farm northeast of McLaughlin. He said his dog had gone blind but the dog had not been feeling well and maybe something else was the reason.

McLaughlin pilot Clyde Rische took off from the McLaughlin Airport on

the chance there was a downed plane. He thought he saw something burning on the ground near the Promise Road in the northern section of Dewey County. A four-wheel all-terrain vehicle did some searching but found nothing. There was some rain and travel by any other vehicle was not possible at the time.

The next morning a search was started by the Civil Air Patrol with negative results.

Recent Colorado Tidbits:

The following brief items were found in the Rocky Mountain News of Denver for April 23rd. They were a sidebar to an article featuring author Linda Moulton Howe and her new book allegedly linking UFOs, cattle mutilations and human abductions:

March 21, 1989; Flight Controllers at the Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center are baffled by strange radar blips. Some controllers "had a dozen or more of these targets merging with actual aircraft targets over a half-hour period," controller Kevin Cain wrote. Cain now dismisses the episode as a "false targets" generated by a computer malfunction.

March 28, 1989; A Longmont resident writes the Rocky Mountain News to report her sighting of a daytime UFO she witnessed March 21, the same day FAA controllers made their puzzling sightings.

April 3, 1989; A brilliant blue object rocketing across Colorado daytime skies tentatively is identified as a possible "rare daytime meteorite" by a Boulder astronomer. North American Defense Command at Colorado Springs acknowledges the sightings, but has no explanation.

April 19, 1989; Capt. Thomas Niemann, at the U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs, says that military facility routinely tracks 6,900 man-made objects in space. Each day, he says, an average of "one or two" objects enter the earth's atmosphere which do not "correlate" with any known object.

Aliens "Buzz" Space Shuttle?:

The following item was published in the April 30th edition of the Melbourne, Australia Herald with a London dateline. While it sounds fascinating, we must remember that often inaccurate and sensational treatment given to UFO reports in the British press over the years, so here's exactly what was published:

American radio hams claim aliens buzzed the space shuttle "Discovery" as it flew high over earth earlier this month.

London's Star newspaper today quoted experts saying the UFOs tracked the shuttle during its five-day flight.

They locked on to the spacecraft's controls, causing a sudden loss of power.

The "Discovery's five-man crew, trained in UFO sightings, reported the close encounter to NASA.

The conversation was picked up by radio hams in the U.S.

NASA Chiefs in Houston, Texas, have refused to release the recordings. But one man in Baltimore, Maryland, claims to have taped the conversation.

It was played to the Star which said "Discovery" pilot Colonel John Blaha was heard saying: "Houston, this is 'Discovery'. We still have the alien spacecraft under observation."

NASA and Col. Blaha angrily deny there was any contact with a UFO.
(AROUND AND ABOUT Written By Rick R. Hilberg).

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